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TO: All Local Health Departments
Attn: Chief Food Specialist

FROM: A. Scott Gilliam, MBA, CP-FS
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SUBJECT: Whole Foods Market -Pistachio Recall

SUGGESTED ACTION: Pistachio Recall; Due to Salmonella; Recommend notification of affected stores via phone, fax or e-mail.

From the information provided by FDA, the recalled products were distributed in Indiana. Whole Foods Market announced the voluntary recall of its 365 Everyday Value brand in-shell Dry Roasted and Salted Pistachios due to potential salmonella contamination. This product has been distributed to Whole Foods Market stores in the United States. Detail information is not available at this time. In addition, if any recalled product is found, please notify this office at 317-233-7360.

Whole Foods Market Issues Nationwide Voluntary Recall of In-Shell Pistachio Nuts Due to Possible Health Risk

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE -- Austin, TX (April 1, 2009) – Whole Foods Market announced the voluntary recall of its 365 Everyday Value brand in-shell Dry Roasted and Salted Pistachios due to potential salmonella contamination. Whole Foods Market has received no reports of illness related to this product; the company is issuing this recall as a precaution.

The affected product is 16 oz. packages of 365 Everyday Value brand Dry Roasted and Salted Pistachios with Best Before dates of 07/08/2009 GL1, 07/08/2009 GL2, and 11/27/2009 GL1 and a Universal Product Code (UPC) of 99482-40435.

No other code date, package size or flavor of pistachio product is affected. This is the only 365 Everyday Value product affected by this recall. This voluntary recall is not related to the recent peanut/ peanut butter recalls.

This product has been distributed to Whole Foods Market stores in the United States. The pistachios used in this product were supplied by Setton Pistachio of Terra Bella, Inc., which yesterday announced a recall of selected lots of pistachios. Setton Pistachio is recalling pistachios from the 2008 crop year.

Salmonella can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Healthy persons infected with Salmonella often experience fever, diarrhea (which may be bloody), nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain. In rare circumstances, infection with Salmonella can result in the organism getting into the bloodstream and producing more severe illnesses such as arterial infections (i.e., infected aneurysms), endocarditis and arthritis.

Consumers with any product of the date and package size noted above can return the product to any Whole Foods Market store for a full refund. Customers with additional questions may call 512-542-0656.

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Photo: Product Label

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